294. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police had issued orders that no buses with passengers should enter the office compound at Erattachira;

(b) if so, whether any officer of the Police Department contrary to this order took the bus inside even though the sentries on duty objected to the same; if so, what disciplinary action was taken against the officer for disobeying the Police orders ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes. He was severely warned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the work of this officer in the office ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—He is only a clerk in the Head Office. But I may say how this incident happened. There is a temple close to this office. There was some performance going on in the temple, and lest the bus standing on the road might become an hindrance, he took it inside. He did not know the rule at the time, and he was severely warned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Did not the sentry order him not to get inside?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—It is stated here 'yes.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Even though the sentry stopped him, he did not stop but went inside. How many sentries were there?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—One.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is that not disobeying the orders of the Police, and does it not amount to an offence?

President.—It is said that he disobeyed the order and that he was severely warned.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Are there two kinds of warnings, severe and mild?

President.—There is the simple warning, severe warning, then censure and then severe censure and then black mark. There are different grades of punishment.

Construction of the Velanthavalam Bridge.

295. Dr. A. G. Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state regarding the Velanthavalam Bridge:—

(1) is the bridge completed; if so, when ; if not, how long will it take for completion ;

(2) what amount has the Government spent on the bridge;

(3) was there any contributions from the Coimbatore District Board or the Provincial Government ;

(4) is the Darbar aware that the road connecting the bridge with the main road on the Coimbatore side has not yet been completed ;

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(5) has the Cochin Government addressed the Coimbatore District Board and with what effect ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) Yes. The bridge work was completed by the end of 1103.

(2) Rs. 14,374—2—0.

(3) Yes. From the Coimbatore District Board.

(4) Yes.

(5) Yes. The President has informed this Government that the land necessary for the approach road on the British side will be handed over to the P. W. D. shortly.

Petitions for a road from Pudukkad Railway Station to Pazhayi Desom.

296. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of petitions with dates the Government received from the people, Pazhayi Desom in the Nammanikkara village for a road from the Pudukkad Railway station to their desom :

(b) what was the exact reply, dated 19th February 1920, given to one of their petitions;

(c) the exact reply, dated 11th January 1921 given to another petition ;

(d) whether there is a rule that petitions which are a continuation or reminders of previous petitions need not be stamped ;

(e) whether any petition, dated 10th Karkadagam 1103, from the people of Pazhayi to the Diwan was rejected by the Secretary to the Diwan ; if so, on what grounds ; was the same petition resubmitted ; if so, what was the nature of the petition and what action has the Government taken regarding same ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a)Five. The dates are

(1) 29— 2—1095.
(2) 23—11—1920.
(3) 3—12—1924.
(4) Nil.
(5) 13—12—1103.

(b) "The request is noted and will be considered in due course."

(c) No reply has been given on the date mentioned. But a reply was given on 8th January 1921 to the effect that their request will be considered in 1097.

(d) Yes; if final orders on the previous petitions have not been passed.

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